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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
Pacific Racing Association**

Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley California

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Report for the Week of Wednesday, October 26, 2022, through Sunday, October 30, 2022.**WEDNESDAY**10/26/22¹**ENTRY DAY**

The Golden Gate Fields racing office was open today. Racing Secretary **Steve Martinelli** and his staff are accepting entries for Saturday, October 29, 2022. Nine (9) races were drawn for Saturday. Seventy-two (72) horses are scheduled to start. Steward **Will Meyers** was on duty for the California Horse Racing Board overseeing all matters.

10/26/22²**POWER OUTAGE**

Steward **Will Meyers** reported that Golden Gate Fields had a power outage that started yesterday Tuesday, October 25. Lighting was all out during early morning training both Tuesday and Wednesday. Both mornings the track opened one (1) hour late at 7:15 am to avoid darkness. The stable area was also affected yesterday Tuesday, October 25. Electrical crews are working on the problem at this writing.

10/26/22³**ENTRY PANEL**

Steward **Will Meyers** participated on the entry panel for Friday October 28. He was joined by **Dr. Forrest Franklin, Dr. Karen Hassan, Dr. Dionne Benson, and Dr. Tim Grande.**

THURSDAY10/27/22¹**ENTRY DAY**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Sunday October 30. Steward **Will Meyers** is on duty. Nine (9) races were drawn in the racing office. Seventy-four (74) horses are scheduled to start.

10/27/22²

ENTRY PANEL

Safety Steward **Richard Lewis** participated on the entry panel for Saturday October 29, 2022. He was joined by **Dr. Forrest Franklin**, **Dr. Karen Hassan**, **Dr. Dionne Benson**, and **Dr. Tim Grande**.

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MORNING VISITORS

California Horse Racing Board Chief Steward **Darrel McHargue** and Golden Gate Fields Mutuel **Doug Gooby** paid individual visits to the Stewards office this morning. Chief **McHargue** brought us up to date with new HISA regulations. **Mr. Gooby** was updating us on the happenings in the mutuel department here at Golden Gate Fields.

10/27/22⁴

JAMES WOOTEN HEARING (CASE #22BM0043)

Stewards **Baker**, **Nevin** and **Meyers** were on hand today to conduct a formal hearing for Jockey **James Wooten**. The California Horse Racing Board filed a complaint against Jockey **Wooten** alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), Rule #1489 (a) (8) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License) and Rule #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation). California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Jerry Smith** presented a twenty - four (24) page complaint in the hearing. Court Reporter **Christine Niccoli** transcribed the proceedings. Steward **Nevin** chaired the proceedings.

The cover sheet of the complaint in this case reads as follows.

*Jockey **James Wooten** provided a urine split sample per a signed test agreement in order to renew his Jockey license. The samples were subsequently sent to Quest Diagnostics Laboratory for analysis. On 8/27/22, the lab's analysis reported a positive finding for "Marijuana Metabolites; Initial Test Level '50 ng/ml', MS Confirm Test Level '15 ng/ml' ". This marijuana positive drug test is also in direct violation of a previously CHRB Administrative Ruling #CHRB054 dated 1/21/2022.*

Testimony was given from **Mr. Wooten**. Numerous questions were asked by the Stewards. Decision to follow.

FRIDAY

10/28/22¹

JAMEY THOMAS COMPLAINT (CASE #22BM0052)

An informal hearing was conducted in our office this morning. The California Horse Racing Board filed a complaint against Trainer **Jamey Thomas** alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843 (a) (b) & (d), (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), Rule #1843.1 (b) (Prohibited Drug Substances). #1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations), Rule #1844 (d) (5) (Authorized Medication) & Rule #1887 (a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse). Along with the Stewards and Trainer **Thomas** California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Louis Quezada** was also in attendance. He presented his thirty-two (32) page complaint packet at today's hearing. The cover page of this complaint reads as follows.

*The official blood sample #F19219 taken at the Sonoma County Fair in Santa Rosa was reported by **Dr. Ben Moeller**, PHD of the Maddy EACL at U.C. Davis to contain Methocarbamol (3ng/ml). The sample was obtained from the horse "**Zero Bucks Given**" which ran in the 3rd race, finishing 1st. The trainer of record was **Jamey Thomas**. A Split sample analysis was conducted at the University of Florida racing laboratory and confirmed the original finding of 3ng/ml of Methocarbamol. Methocarbamol is a prohibited Class 4, Penalty Class C violation.*

Trainer **Thomas** gave testimony and was questioned by the Stewards at this informal hearing. More to follow.

10/28/22²

POST TIME CHANGES

Golden Gate Fields requested a change in their first post times this week (October 28, 29, & 30, 2022). The change from 1:15 to 1:45 was granted by California Horse Racing Board Executive Director **Scott Chaney**.

10/28/23³

SECOND RACE STEWARDS REVIEW

The Stewards asked Track Announcer/Commentator **Matt Dinerman** to announce that a Stewards Review would be conducted into the start of today's second race. This was a 5 ½ furlong event contested on the main (Tapeta) track. In this six (6) horse race #4 "**Smokin Hot Bobbie**" (**Evin Roman**) threw her head when Starter **Todd Stephens** dispatched the field. "**Smokin Hot Bobbie**" lost contact with the rest of the field and raced on to a sixth (last) place finish. The Stewards reviewed various replay angles and determined there was neither a starting gate malfunction nor human error. We determined that no formal inquiry was needed.

10/28/22⁴

FOURTH RACE INQUIRY/NON-STARTER

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to view an incident at the start of this one (1) mile main track event. #5 **Midnight Mammoth** (**William Antongeorgi III**) acted up and broke thru the starting gate a split second before Starter **Todd Stephens** dispatched the field. #5 **Midnight Mammoth** broke awkwardly and unseated Jockey **Antongeorgi** before dispatch. Of particular concern was whether Jockey **Antongeorgi** was set after this horse was being somewhat mischievous in the starting gate.

Midnight Mammoth was captured by one of the tracks outriders. Jockey **Antongeorgi** walked away from the incident and rode his remaining two (2) mounts on the day's card.

As allowed under California Horse Racing Board Rule #1696 (b) (The Start) #5 **Midnight Mammoth** was declared a non – starter and full refunds were ordered. Our decision was unanimous.

10/28/22⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

3RD Race #1 **Whoa Buddy** (Tr. **J. Wong**) Claimed, **J. Ramos**, trainer

4TH Race Declaration #5 **Midnight Mammoth** (Tr. **S. Sherman**) Declared Non-Starter Stewards Refund: \$105,815.42

5TH Race Declarations #2 **Mizzdyna** (Tr. **D. Franko**) Unsound – **Karen Hassan DVM**

#10 **Fast Investment** (Tr. **S. Knapp**) Injured – **Michael Parker DVM**

Refund Total: \$257.26

6TH Race Declaration #1 **Irrefutable** (Tr. **M. Lenzini**) Injured – **Michael Parker DVM**

Refund: \$220.12

6TH Race Wagering Cancel #1 Rolling Super High Five

7TH Race #3 **Imperial Creed** (Tr. **S. Calvario**) Claimed, **R. Amescua**, trainer

10/28/22⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

| | | |
|--------------|-------|----------------|
| On track | 248 | \$178,129.54 |
| Out of state | n/a | \$1,153,204.96 |
| SCOTWinc | n/a | \$146,621.44 |
| Total | 1,004 | \$1,881,374.65 |

SATURDAY

10/29/22¹

JAMES WOOTEN RULING (REF: 10/27/22⁴)

Ruling #6

Jockey **James W. Wooten** is hereby fined Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct-Marijuana) on August 18, 2022, at the Humboldt County Fair (Ferndale).

*Rule #1532. Fine shall be paid to the Paymaster within seven calendar days from the date of this ruling, or the license of the person upon whom the fine has been imposed shall be suspended.

This ruling was issued after a formal hearing that was heard yesterday (October 26) at Golden Gate Fields. Jockey **James Wooten** submitted a urine sample for drug testing per a previously

signed 'Agreement to Test'. The test results determined that Marijuana Metabolites were in the test sample. Jockey **Wooten** stated at the hearing that about two (2) weeks before the Ferndale meeting (August 2022) he took a couple CBD "gummy bears" to assist with some lingering shoulder pain and sleep issues. Sleep issues that were a result of a morning accident at Emerald Downs (WA).

Jockey **Wooten** has had a somewhat active license ruling history in the states of California, Oregon, and Washington. Hearing Officer **Shauna Avril** wrote a seven (7) page decision (Ref: Case #Sac 20-0023) following a 'Fitness for Licensure' hearing that was held on September 24, 2021. That decision required several provisions prior to **Mr. Wooten** receiving a license in California. Those provisions regarded the following in part: 1. Periodic drug and alcohol testing. 2. Control of Temper. 3. Professional Conduct. The ruling was issued in a unanimous decision.

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JAMEY THOMAS RULING (REF: 10/28/22¹)

Ruling #7

Trainer **Jamey Thomas**, who started the horse "**Zero Bucks Given**" first place finisher in the third race at the Sonoma County Fair on August 14, 2022, is fined the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)*, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843 (a) (d) (Medication Drugs and Other Substances; Methocarbamol-in excess of permitted level 3 ng/ml [Class 4]).

Furthermore, Trainer **Jamey Thomas** is assessed (1/2) point in accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843.4 (a) (Multiple Medications Violations (MMV) - expires 10/29/2023).

*Rule #1532. Fine shall be paid to the Paymaster within seven calendar days from the date of this ruling, or the license of the person upon whom the fine has been imposed shall be suspended.

Trainer **Jamey Thomas** was issued the ruling above in what was a unanimous decision. This matter was heard yesterday in an informal hearing at Golden Gate Fields that was chaired by Steward **Dennis Nevin**.

10/29/22³

ELLEN JACKSON COMPLAINT (CASE #22BM0054)

The California Horse Racing Board filed a complaint against Trainer **Ellen Jackson** for alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1878 (b) (1) (Workouts). California Horse Racing Board Investigator **David Aguilar** presented a twelve (12) page complaint at today's informal hearing. The cover page of the complaint reads as follows.

*On 06/25/2022 the horse "**Proof of Love**" was worked at Cal Expo in Sacramento. The horse is required to have a workout exam at least seventy-two (72) hours immediately preceding the workout for the express purpose of evaluating the horse's fitness to workout. Trainer **Jackson** failed to ensure that a workout exam was completed because the horse was never examined by the trainer's attending veterinarian prior to the workout.*

Trainer **Jackson** testified at this morning's tape-recorded hearing that was chaired by **Dennis Nevin**. **Ms. Jackson** testified regarding the events of June 25, 2022, at the California State Fair in Sacramento. The Stewards called **Ms. Jackson** later in the day with a decision in this matter. In a majority decision (**Baker** dissent – Fine) she was issued a warning.

10/29/22⁴

NO PHOTO FINISH

The placing judges called for a photo for fifth place following the running of today's sixth race. The photo finish operator apologized telling the Stewards that she didn't hear the track announcer (Ref: 10/29/22⁵) and didn't realize the race was running. The Stewards and placing judges determined #1 **Supersonic Flyer** finished fifth in this six (6) furlong race.

10/29/22⁵**NO ANNOUNCER**

Track Announcer **Matt Dinerman** lost power in the announcer's booth for races six and seven. Track Announcer **Dinerman** called the eighth (**Pike Place Dancer Stakes**) and ninth races from the **Pegasus** TV trailer.

10/29/22⁶**NINTH RACE LOOSE HORSE**

During the ninth race post parade Jockey **Francisco Duran** was unseated in the post parade. #6 **Grazen In The Sun** was captured after running loose in the post parade. She was captured by a track outrider and examined by **Dr. Karen Hassan** who deemed this filly fit to race. #6 **Grazen In The Sun** went on to a first place finish at odds of 13 to 1.

10/29/22⁷**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

1ST Race Declarations #2 **My Last Bullet** (Tr. **S. Perez**) Unsound – **Karen Hassan** DVM

#3 **Miqueas** (Tr. **F. Rondan**) Injured – **Karen Hassan** DVM

Refund Total: \$226.06

1ST Race #5 **Jerry Jeff Walker** (Tr. **S. Miyadi**) Claimed, **L. Rivera**, trainer

1ST Race Wagering Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High Five

2ND Race Declaration #4 **Love of the Sport** (Tr. **D. Wayne Baker**) Sick – **Casille Batten** DVM

Refund: \$145.90

2ND Race Wagering #1 Rolling Super High Five

3RD Race Declaration #8 **Atlantic Frog** (Tr. **B. Davis**) Injured – **Karen Hassan** DVM

Refund: \$112.70

3RD Race #5 **Polacco** (Tr. **J. Thomas**) Claimed, **J. Steiner**, trainer

5TH Race Declaration #3 **Connie's Promise** (Tr. **A. Ordenez**) Sick – **Karen Hassan** DVM

Refund: \$128.44

6TH Race Declaration #6 **My Legal Bet** (Tr. **J. Thomas**) Sick – **Casille Batten** DVM

Refund: \$311.86

7TH Race Declarations #6 **Girl Named Doris** (Tr. **A. Torres**) Loose in Post Parade

#8 **Your Royal Flyness** (Tr. **F. Taylor**) Panel Scratch

8TH Race #4 **Jennifer's D'Light** (Tr. **M. McCarthy**) Stake – Stewards. Refund Total: \$308.38

9TH Race Declaration #1 **Not Now I'm Bizzie** (Tr. **S. Ledezma**) Sick – **Mike Parker** DVM

Refund: \$134.90

10/29/22⁸**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

| | | |
|--------------|-------|----------------|
| On track | 597 | \$241,480.40 |
| Out of state | n/a | \$1,207,499.78 |
| SCOTWinc | n/a | \$284,404.32 |
| Total | 1,691 | \$2,428,671.81 |

SUNDAY10/30/22¹**MEETING WITH LICENSEES**

The Stewards met with three (3) licensees separately today. California Horse Racing Board Supervising Investigator **Louis Quezada** and California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Jennifer Tolman** also attended these three (3) separate meetings. The Stewards were made aware that there have been some disagreements between **Angelina Couton** (Track Technician), **Julien Couton** (Jockey) and **Brayan Pena** (Jockey) and another unlicensed individual. Discord between the aforementioned licensees has reportedly taken place on and off the grounds of Golden Gate Fields. The Stewards and Investigators wanted to inquire and 'clear the air' into recent happenings and make the licensees aware that we are monitoring the situation closely.

10/30/22²**GOOD RACING**

Today's nine (9) race card went well as it was free of Steward's inquiries and/or Jockey objections.

10/30/22³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1ST Race #3 **Speed Crazy** (Tr. **S. Sherman**) claimed, **D. Franko**, trainer

2ND Race Declarations #1 **More Power to Him** (Tr. **F. Taylor**) Injured – **Karen Hassan** DVM

#4 **Known** (Tr. **F. Rondan**) Unsound – **Karen Hassan** DVM

#5 **Hunters Ghost** (Tr. **S. Perez**) Unsound – **Karen Hassan** DVM

Refund Total: \$462.25

2ND Race Wagering Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High Five & No-Show Wagering

3RD Declaration #3 **Full Of Life** (Tr. **F. Rondan**) Injured – **Karen Hassan** DVM

Refund: \$150.03

5TH Race Declaration: #1 **April Affair** (Tr. **J. Bautista**) Sick – **Michael Parker** DVM

Refund: \$70.69

9TH Race: #7 **Retirement Mission** (Tr. **L. Ekstrom**) Lamé Post Parade – **Casille Batten** DVM

Refund: \$9,621.92

10/30/22⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

| | | |
|--------------|-------|----------------|
| On track | 513 | \$276,272.64 |
| Out of state | n/a | \$1,673,687.82 |
| SCOTWinc | n/a | \$287,031.63 |
| Total | 1,357 | \$2,700,410.84 |

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

| Date | Race | No. | Horse | Trainer | Reason | Vet | Refund |
|--------|------|-----|--------------------|-------------|---------|------------|-----------|
| 28-Oct | 5 | 2 | Mizzdyna | D. Franko | Unsound | Dr. Hassan | See Below |
| 28-Oct | 5 | 10 | Fast Investment | S. Knapp | Injured | Dr. Parker | \$257.26 |
| 28-Oct | 6 | 1 | Irrefutable | M. Lenzini | Injured | Dr. Parker | \$220.12 |
| 29-Oct | 1 | 2 | My Last Bullet | S. Perez | Unsound | Dr. Hassan | See Below |
| 29-Oct | 1 | 3 | Miqueas | F. Rondan | Injured | Dr. Hassan | \$226.06 |
| 29-Oct | 2 | 4 | Love Of The Sport | DW Baker | Sick | Dr. Batten | \$145.90 |
| 29-Oct | 3 | 8 | Atlantic Frog | B. Davis | Injured | Dr. Hassan | \$112.70 |
| 29-Oct | 5 | 3 | Connie's Promise | A. Ordonez | Sick | Dr. Hassan | \$128.44 |
| 29-Oct | 6 | 6 | My Legal Bet | J. Thomas | Sick | Dr. Batten | \$311.86 |
| 29-Oct | 9 | 1 | Not Now I'm Bizzie | S. Ledezma | Sick | Dr. Parker | \$134.90 |
| 30-Oct | 2 | 1 | More Power To Him | F. Taylor | Injured | Dr. Hassan | See Below |
| 30-Oct | 2 | 4 | Known | F. Rondan | Unsound | Dr. Hassan | See Below |
| 30-Oct | 2 | 5 | Hunters Ghost | S. Perez | Unsound | Dr. Hassan | \$462.25 |
| 30-Oct | 3 | 3 | Full Of Life | F. Rondan | Injured | Dr. Hassan | \$150.03 |
| 30-Oct | 5 | 1 | April Affair | J. Bautista | Sick | Dr. Parker | \$70.69 |

SUMMARY

| | Fri 10/28 | Sat 10/29 | Sun 10/30 | Week | Meet |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------|------|
| Accidents | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Cal-Bred Races | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Claims | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 20 |
| Disqualifications | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Inquiries | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Refunds | 4 | 9 | 7 | 20 | 39 |
| Rulings | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 |
| Voided Claims | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Baker, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward